

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Notice of Allowance mailed September 22, 2005 indicating that claims 1-14, 16-21 and 23-26 are allowed.

Further, Applicants thank Examiner Susecki for the telephone interview granted the Applicants' representative on October 19, 2005. During the telephone interview, the Examiner's Amendment to claim 26 amending the claim to recite "essentially linear movements" instead of "essentially linearly movements" was discussed. In particular, Applicants' representative indicated that claim 25 also recites "essentially linear movements." Examiner Susecki recommended filing an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 to amend the claims to recite "essentially linear movements" in claims 26 instead of "essentially linearly movements." Further, Examiner Susecki agreed that claims 3 and 20 could also be amended to recite "essentially linear movement" instead of "essential linear movement," to thereby correct the minor typographical error and provide appropriate antecedent basis.

Accordingly, entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is respectfully requested.

COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided with the Notice of Allowance dated September 22, 2005, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Examiner offers several reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claimed features mentioned in the claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singly or in combination, Applicants respectfully emphasize that it is each claim, taken as a whole,

including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements which is allowable over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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